

The Hongkong Telegraph.

No. 376.

FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 1883.

SIX DOLLARS
PER QUARTER.

For Sale.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

LAWN TENNIS SETS.

TENNIS BATS, BALLS, NETS, SHOES

and HATS.

LAWN MOWING MACHINES.

FRENCH BOOTS and SHOES.

The New LIFE SAVING GARMENTS.

REVOLVERS, English and American.

Chubb's & Chatwood's Fire-proof SAFES.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, 10th April, 1883.

Insurances.

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED.)

CAPITAL TAELS 600,000, EQUAL \$833,333-33.
RESERVE FUND..... \$70,858-27.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

LEE SING, Esq.,..... LEE YAT LAU, Esq.,
LO YEOK MOON, Esq.,..... CHU CHIK NUNG, Esq.,

MANAGER—HO AMEI.

MARINE RISKS ON GOODS, &c., taken at
CURRENT RATES to all parts of the world.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.
Hongkong, 1st September, 1882.

YANGTZE INSURANCE
ASSOCIATION.

CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up).....Tls. 420,000.00
PERMANENT RESERVE.....Tls. 230,000.00
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND.....Tls. 290,553-95

TOTAL CAPITAL and
ACCUMULATIONS, 8th
May, 1882.....Tls. 940,553-95

DIRECTORS.

H. DE C. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.
J. H. PINCKVOSS, Esq.,..... Wm. MEYERINK, Esq.,
A. J. M. INVERARITY, Esq.,..... G. H. WHEELER, Esq.,

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.

Messrs. RUSSELL & Co., Secretaries.

LONDON BRANCH.

Messrs. BARING BROTHERS & Co.,
Bankers.

RICHARD BLACKWELL, Esq., Agent,
68 and 69, Cornhill, E.C.

POLICIES granted on MARINE RISKS to all
parts of the World.

Subject to a charge of 12 per cent. for Interest
on Shareholders' Capital; all the PROFITS of the
UNDERWRITING BUSINESS are annually dis-
tributed among all Contributors of Business (whether
Shareholders or not) in proportion to the
premium paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.

THE Underwritten have been appointed
AGENTS to the NEW YORK BOARD
of UNDERWRITERS.

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & CO.
Hongkong, 15th June, 1881.

RECORD OF AMERICAN and FOREIGN
SHIPPING.

Agents,
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.
Hongkong, 15th June, 1881.

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY,
LIMITED.

(CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000.)

The above Company is prepared to accept
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS,
&c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world
payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.
Hongkong, 1st February, 1882.

D. K. GRIFFITH.

MANUFACTURER OF THE LONDON
AERATED WATERS.

7, BEACONFIELD ARCADE,
(Opposite the City Hall)

Having Purchased the entire Machinery of the
late Mr. E. CHAPMAN'S

SODA WATER FACTORY.

is now prepared to execute the largest orders
for every description of Aerated Waters with
promptness and despatch.

SUPERIOR QUALITY.

Consumers are invited to try these carefully
Manufactured

SPARKLING WATERS.

THREE DOZEN FOR ONE DOLLAR.
All Orders and Communications should be ad-
dressed to The Factory.

7, BEACONFIELD ARCADE.
Hongkong, 14th April, 1883.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION
OF
VALUABLE HOUSES

IN
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

THE Undersigned has received instructions
to Sell by Public Auction, by Order of the
MORTGAGEE,

TO-MORROW,
the 14th day of April, 1883, on the Premises,
at THREE P.M.—

1ST LOT.

The HOUSE No. 79, in Queen's Road Central
measuring North and South 154 feet, on the
East and West 274 feet. Yearly Crown
Rent £110-8, for 999 years from the 4th
December, 1857. Registered as INLAND
LOT No. 531.

2ND LOT.
The HOUSE No. 81, in Queen's Road Central
measuring North and South 14 feet, East
and West 274 feet. Yearly Crown Rent
£11-7-1 for 999 years from 9th December,
1857. Registered as INLAND LOT No. 530.

For Particulars and Conditions, apply to
J. M. GUEDES,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 3rd April, 1883.

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PUBLIC AUCTION
OF
VALUABLE PROPERTY,
IN BONHAM STRAND.

THE MORTGAGEE has instructed the Under-
signed to Sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY,
the 17th day of April, 1883, on the Premises,
at THREE P.M.

All that Piece or Parcel of GROUND with the
FIVE HOUSES erected thereon, Nos. 80,
82, 84, 86, and 88, in Bonham Strand, mea-
suring 6,163 square feet, and Registered as
the Remaining Portion of MARINE LOT
No. 34.

For Particulars and Conditions, apply to
J. M. GUEDES,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 9th April, 1883.

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PUBLIC AUCTION
OF
VALUABLE HOUSES
IN QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.

THE Undersigned has received instructions
from the MORTGAGEE, to Sell by Public
Auction, on

WEDNESDAY,
the 18th day of April, 1883, at THREE P.M.,
on the Premises.

All those Pieces or Parcels of GROUND Regis-
tered as INLAND LOTS 447 and 448,
measuring on Queen's Road West and on
First Street 105 feet, on the East and West
sides 210 feet, containing in the whole more
or less 11,024 square feet. Yearly Crown
Rent \$168, for 999 years from the 12th June,
1862. Together with the 7 HOUSES in
Queen's Road West, Nos. 314 to 326, also
8 HOUSES on First Street, Nos. 79 to 93.

For Particulars, apply to
J. M. GUEDES,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 9th April, 1883.

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For Sale.

GREAT REDUCTION!
GREAT REDUCTION!
IN SELLING OFF.

WE are now SELLING OFF at GREAT
REDUCTION Our Entire Stock of
DRAPERY GOODS.

ELEGANT PARISIAN COSTUMES, Richly
Trimmed and Embroidered in Pongee Silk;
CASHMERE, SATINETTE and CAMBRIC
with Parasol and Fan.

PLAIN MORNING and EVENING COS-
TUMES for the Season.

ELEGANT BALL DRESSES & CHAMBER
ROBES.

FANCY and PLAIN SILK in Pieces to Suit.
Ladies' SILK and LACE CLOAKS.

SILK, MERINO, WOOLLEN, LINEN and
COTTON HOSE, and SOCKS in great variety.

FICHUS and LACE BOWS, FRILLING
and TRIMMINGS.

LACE and LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS.

SILK GLOVES, GARTERS and BUTTONS.
Ladies' and Children's HATS, BONNETS,
PRINTS, POMPADOUR, and CRETONNE.

Ladies' Dawson's BOOTS in Great Variety.
&c. &c.

Store will be kept open to 9 P.M. till MON-
DAY, the 16th April, 1883.

ECA DA SILVA & Co.,
48, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, 12th April, 1883.

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FOR SALE CHEAP.

FIVE TO SIX HUNDRED TONS
C O K E

IN LOTS FROM ONE TON UPWARDS.

COAL TAR IN BARRELS.

CHOY CHEW,
239, PRAYA WEST.

Hongkong, 5th April, 1883.

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FOR SALE.

G. H. MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE.

QUARTS.....\$22 per Case.
PINTS.....\$23 per Case.

Apply to
MELCHERS & Co.,
Hongkong, 2nd March, 1882.

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FOR SALE CHEAP.

SEVERAL GOOD PONIES, suitable for
Hack, Carriage, Pony or Imp.

Apply to
R. FRASER SMITH,
Hongkong Telegraph Office.
Hongkong, 3rd March, 1883.

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J. AND R. TENNENT'S ALE AND
PORTER.

DAVID COBBS & SONS'

MERCHANT NAVY

NAVY BOILED

LONG FLAX

CANVAS.

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.

Hongkong, 15th June, 1881.

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Intimations.

"NOVELTY STORE."
MARINE HOUSE, QUEEN'S ROAD.

SELLING OFF CHEAP.

NO SUCH OPPORTUNITY EVER OFFERED BEFORE.

FOR ONE MONTH ONLY from This Date, all the BOOKS in this "STORE" including
those which may arrive during the month, will be disposed of at Published Prices, Charging
Extra only the actual expenses incurred, such as freight, insurance, &c., at current rate of
exchange.

To avoid confusion, all the BOOKS selected shall not be delivered but forwarded together
with a Memo of cost which if not approved, the BOOKS may be returned.

Also,

"KAISAR-I-HIND" CIGARETTES are now offered at 80 Cents per 100, in Handsome
Crystallized Tin Boxes, for the above period only.

TERMS, CASH ONLY.

S. MEYERS,
MANAGER.

Hongkong, 13th March, 1883.

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W. BREWER.

HAS JUST RECEIVED.

A NEW LOT OF VERY FINE ENGRAVINGS, FRAMED AND UNFRAMED
NEW CABINET PHOTOGRAPHS.

THE NEW COMBINATION DRAWING SLATES FOR CHILDREN.
A VERY FINE SELECTION OF PHOTOGRAPH FRAMES.

PLAQUES, WALL POCKETS, BOOKSLIDES, PASSE PARTOUTS, VELVET MIRRORS,
PAINTED PANELS, AND FINE ART GOODS.

WEBSTER'S UNABRIDGED DICTIONARY.
BRYANT AND STRATTONS BOOK-KEEPING.

ARNOLD'S NEW POEM "PEARLS OF THE FAITH" OR "ISLAM'S ROSARY."
ZOLA'S NEW NOVELS TRANSLATED INTO ENGLISH "IN THE WHIRLPOOL,"
"CLAUDE'S CONFESSION."

NEW FRENCH NOVELS. NEW SEASIDE LIBRARY.
BREWER'S GUIDE TO HONGKONG NOW READY.

W. BREWER,
QUEEN'S ROAD.

Hongkong, 7th April, 1883.

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JUST RECEIVED.

A CHOICE ASSORTMENT

OF

SHOES.

CHILDRENS'FROM \$0.35 PER PAIR.

LADIES'FROM \$1.00 PER PAIR.

ROSE & CO.

31 AND 33, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

Hongkong, 2nd April, 1883.

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SAYLE & CO.'S SHOWROOMS.

SAYLE & CO.

NEW SPRING GOODS.

EX S.S. "GLENCOE"

EX S.S. "GLENOGLE"

WHITE DRESS MATERIALS.

CREAM DRESS MATERIALS.

NUNS' VEILINGS in every Color.

SUMMER BEIGES in every Color.

GALATEAS for Boys' Washing Suits.

WHITE INDIA MUSLINS.

MULL CORD MUSLINS.

WHITE VICTORIA LAUNNS.

BLACK and COLORED SUNSHADES.

LADIES' PATENT LEATHER SLIPPERS.

LADIES' & CHILDRENS' BOOTS & SHOES.

New Patterns in POMPADOUR SATEENS.

Plain Colored SATEENS in every Shade.

FRENCH PERCALES in every Pattern.

Specialties in ZEPHYR CHECKS.

CANVAS CORSETS for Summer Wear.

SUMMER PAJAMAH FLANNELS.

Novelties in LADIES' SILK UMBRELLAS.

Trimmed & Untrimmed HATS & BONNETS.

A Choice Selection of FLOWERS.

OSTRICH TIPS & FLATS in Light Colours.

INKSTANDS in Great Variety.

A LIBERAL DISCOUNT FOR CASH.

SAYLE & CO.,
VICTORIA EXCHANGE, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 4th April, 1883.

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Intimations.

GUEDES & CO.

PRINTERS, STATIONERS, AND
BOOKBINDERS.

D'AGUIAR STREET.

EVERY KIND OF WORK EXECUTED WITH
ACCURACY, NEATNESS, AND DESPATCH
ON

VERY MODERATE TERMS.

SELECTED MATERIALS FOR
MARKET REPORTS.

Book-binding and Ruling in every style executed
at low rates. Workmanship Guaranteed.

Hongkong, 23rd August, 1882.

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F. D. GUEDES.

WINE-MERCHANT AND GENERAL
COMMISSION AGENT.

No. 5, D'AGUIAR STREET.

HAS always on hand a large assortment of
CHOICE WINES of the best quality, at
Moderate Prices.

Hongkong, 2nd October, 1882.

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Intimations.

STAG HOTEL.

QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

GOOD ACCOMMODATION FOR
VISITORS.

ENGLISH & AMERICAN BILLIARDS.

Tiffin at One o'clock, Dinner at 7.00.

This HOTEL is centrally situated and
within easy distance of the principal landing
places.

J. COOK, Proprietor.

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WILLIAM SCHMIDT & CO.

GUNMAKERS & AMMUNITION
DEALERS.

BEACONFIELD ARCADE.

Arms, Ammunitions, and Requisites of
every description.

Arms Repaired, Cleaned, or Converted at
moderate charges.

Sporting Guns and Ammunition Always
on hand.

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Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

CAPTAIN G. C. ANDERSON will act as
SURVEYOR for the BUREAU VERITAS
at this Port until further notice.

ROBT. MCMURDO.
Hongkong, 11th April, 1883.

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NOTICE.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

DURING my absence Mr. STEWART
MUNN MCLEISH will SIGN my Name
Per Procuration.

WM. CRUICKSHANK.
Hongkong, 26th March, 1883.

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Intimations.

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that ORIGINAL
SCRIP CERTIFICATE No. 1973, dated
18th June, 1880, for THREE SHARES in the above
Company, standing in the name of REUBEN
SOLOMON has been LOST, and should the
same not be produced before the 9th May next,
a Duplicate thereof will be issued to REUBEN
SOLOMON, and no transaction taking place
under the said ORIGINAL SCRIP CERTIFICATE,
No. 1973, will be recognised by the Company.

By Order,
D. MCLAURIN,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 10th April, 1883.

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NORTH-CHINA INSURANCE COMPANY.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TENTH ORDINARY GENERAL
MEETING of the above Company will
be held at the Head Office, Shanghai, on MON-
DAY, the 16th instant, at HALF-PAST TWO
O'CLOCK P.M., for the presentation of the Report
of the Directors and Accounts for the half-year
ending 31st December last, the Election of
Directors and Auditors, and declaration of Divi-
dends for the year 1882.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 3rd to the 16th inst.,
both days inclusive.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
HERBERT S. MORRIS,
Secretary.

Shanghai, 2nd April, 1883.

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NORTH-CHINA INSURANCE COMPANY.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-
ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of
SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Head
Office, Shanghai, at THREE O'CLOCK P.M., on
MONDAY, the 16th instant, when the special
Resolutions passed at the Extraordinary General
Meeting held on Thursday, the 29th ultimo, will
be submitted for confirmation.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
HERBERT S. MORRIS,
Secretary.

Shanghai, 2nd April, 1883.

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Intimations.

A. S. WATSON & CO.

FAMILY AND DISPENSING CHEMISTS,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS,
DRUGGISTS' SUNDRYMEN,
PERFUMERS,
IMPORTERS AND EXPORTERS
OF
MANILA CIGARS,
WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS,
AND
MANUFACTURERS
OF
AERATED WATERS.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

THE SHANGHAI PHARMACY,
24, NANKIN ROAD, SHANGHAI.

OTICA INGLESA,
14, ESCOLTA, MANILA.

THE CANTON DISPENSARY, CANTON.

THE DISPENSARY, FOCHOW. [3

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

It is requested that all communications relating to Subscriptions, Advertisements, &c., be addressed to the "Manager, Hongkong Telegraph," and not to the Editor.

Letters on Editorial matters to be sent to "The Editor" and not to individual members of the staff.

Communications intended for publication must be accompanied by the name and address of the writer, not necessarily for publication; but as evidence of good faith.

Whilst the columns of the Hongkong Telegraph will always be open for the fair discussion by correspondents of all questions affecting public interests, it must be distinctly understood that the Editor does not in any way hold himself responsible for opinions thus expressed.

TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisers are requested to forward all notices intended for insertion in this day's issue not later than THREE O'CLOCK, so as not to retard the early publication of the paper.

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

Arrangements have been made to publish The Hongkong Telegraph daily at 4 P.M. Subscribers in the central districts who do not receive their copies before FIVE O'CLOCK will oblige by at once communicating with the Manager.

DEATHS.

At Springcroft, Beckenham, Kent, MAUD JEANETTE FREDERICKA FABRIS, aged 18, eldest child of E. A. Fabris, Shanghai.

On the 27th ult., at Paris, of brain fever, Monsieur VICTOR KUSSER, formerly Chief Manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

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granted the prayer of the fascinating EULALIA, and sent Mr. JUSTINO about his business.

Now it is plainly evident that MANUEL JUSTINO of Lisbon did actually "land" EULALIA MARIA LUISA DE ROZADA a violent blow in the eye, causing the optic to swell and change its colour. It is also evident that MANUEL had been singing love ditties to amuse some girls who had assembled in Senhora DE ROZADA's coffee saloon. These girls are doubtless regular frequenters of the establishment and belong to that well-known class which is scarcely

That curled by the foot from forest snow,
And hangs on Dian's temple.

In plain language this coffee saloon is a place of rendezvous for women of ill fame; and the row on the 5th inst. was merely one of the disgraceful scenes for which such hot-beds of vice have been so long notorious. As we have received complaints from respectable persons residing in the immediate neighbourhood, who suffer constant annoyance from these frequent brawls, we feel justified in directing the attention of the authorities to what is undoubtedly a serious nuisance, and in asking whether such haunts are not under direct police surveillance. In cases like that tried at the police court yesterday the innocent suffer with the guilty. There are no doubt respectable refreshment rooms in the colony which suffer materially in reputation through the backslidings of tarnished dovecots of the EULALIA MARIA LUISA DE ROZADA stamp.

THE Bill which the LORD CHANCELLOR has introduced into the House of Lords does not, observes the Daily News, seem to go very far towards putting contempt of court upon its true basis. If LORD SELWYN'S speech contains a full account of his measure, the changes which it proposes to effect are, rather in detail than in principle. Thus a sentence of imprisonment for contempt is limited to three months, and a fine to five hundred pounds. Breach of an injunction which causes damage to any person may be punished by an order to pay damages, to be enforced, if necessary, by sequestration or proceedings in bankruptcy. A civil or ecclesiastical officer may be deprived of his office for disobedience, and if one man neglects a judicial decree, another man may be appointed to carry it out. All these provisions are useful enough in themselves. The first is certainly desirable, and the arrangement for deprivation, which would have prevented the necessity for Mr. GREEN'S prolonged imprisonment, is sensible and salutary. But the constant inconveniences and occasional scandals which attend the present system will not be removed until "contempt of court" is deprived of its artificial and restored to its natural meaning. That a Judge should have power to preserve order and punish disturbance within the precincts of his own tribunal is natural and proper. But that he should be able to imprison anyone who by speech or writing comments on judicial proceedings still incomplete is objectionable in many ways. To say nothing of the fact that the present law of contempt confounds things essentially distinct, it gives a Judge power to try without a jury and to pass sentence without a trial. Where criticism really interferes with the course of justice, which is much less often than Judges are apt to assert or assume, it should be treated as a substantive offence, and not dealt with in the summary fashion now permitted.

TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, 11th April.
A PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE.
The Garrison of London has been increased by a line regiment.

THE QUEEN'S HEALTH.
Her Majesty the Queen is stronger.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

"WELL," remarked an M. D. just from college, "I suppose the next thing will be to hunt for a 'Good Location,' and wait for something to do."

"Like Patience on a monument." "Yes," said a candid friend, "and it won't be long after you do begin before the monument will be on the patients."

THE editor of the Ontario Press makes the pathetic appeal: "We have a new cloth-bound copy of 'The Footprints of Time,' a historical work and complete analysis of our system of government, by Bancroft—a really valuable book to any reading, thinking man—which we will sell at a sacrifice for cash, or will trade for flour, butter or meat."

ESTHETICISM appears to be dying out in England. The exchange column of the ladies' newspapers have many offers of art embroidery of sunflowers and lilies on sage green cloth, and Oscar Wilde's return has evidently excited no enthusiasm. The newspapers have nothing to say about him. Still he has succeeded in amazing some of his friends by wearing a costume which is said to be hideous rather than esthetic, and in which he proposes to visit France.

A TELEGRAM was received by Mr. Ho Amei, the manager of the Canton-Kowloon Telegraph Co. late last night from the working party, who are quickly approaching the end of their labors. The telegraph poles and wires have now been erected over a distance of 85 miles, and every-thing promises most favorably for a satisfactory termination of the work.

THE Gazette announces the reconstitution of the Board of the Admiralty as follows:—The Right Honourable Thomas George, Earl of Northbrook, G.C.S.I.; Admiral Sir Astley Cooper Key, G.C.B.; Admiral Frederick Beauchamp Paget, Baron Alcester, G.C.B.; Rear-Admiral Thomas Brandreth; Rear-Admiral Sir Frederick William Richards, K.C.B.; Sir Thomas Brassey, K.C.B.; and George Wightwick Rendel, Esq.

We observe from home papers that the question of the wearing of decorations has been so far decided by the issue of an intimation from the Horse Guards which states that while it is not in the province of the Commander-in-Chief to issue any orders with respect to officers when they appear in society as private gentlemen there is no objection to their wearing miniature decorations at dinners or evening parties.

THE Chief of the German Admiralty has issued some new regulations to the Imperial navy with regard to sailing in foggy weather. On all vessels provided with watertight compartments there is to be a special watch, independent of all others, and its duty is to be to see after the closing of the watertight compartments. When fog or snow comes on the officer of the watch will give the order "make compartments tight" (Shotten dicht), the subalterns passing the order on by means of a whistle signal.

JAMES TRUBANE, of Canada, a seaman, was up before Captain Thomsett this morning on a charge of being drunk and disorderly on the 14th instant. Henry George Baker, P.C., No. 20, said he saw the Canadian under the influence of fire-water and kicking up a row with every one he met in Queen's Road. In one instance he badly assaulted a man. Frederick Stahl, a seaman of the U.S.S. Palos, who appeared in court with his left optic completely bunged up, stated that he stood treat for defendant who got drunk. The Canadian assaulted him and bruised his face. Trubane said he did not think he ever struck Stahl. Captain Thomsett remanded the case till the 16th instant at 10 a.m.

A CENTRAL News telegram from St. Petersburg says:—The strained relations between the Russian and Chinese Governments, arising out of the disputed questions of jurisdiction and other matters upon the Chinese frontier, are not likely to be improved by the latest proceedings of the local Russian authorities, who have just placed a Russian military detachment on the Chinese side of the River Kaba. This step has been taken ostensibly to protect the Khirghiz tribes subject to Russia against the attacks and depredations of Chinese marauders; but it is feared here that its only result will be to still further complicate an already difficult question.

THE extensive and well-known shipbuilding yard of the Vulcan Company at Stettin, the same wharf which has built several men-of-war for the Chinese Government, has been the scene of a great fire, which in a comparatively short time destroyed several buildings, amongst them one which contained a number of valuable models. The fire was extinguished before the main part of the wharf had been attacked. The damage, however, is very extensive, amounting to several millions of marks, which will fall upon the underwriters, as the whole establishment is insured. A number of workmen have been thrown idle by the fire. Another very large fire has occurred at Kaiserslautern on the Rhine, where the cotton spinning factory Lampertsmuehle was nearly destroyed, with 12,000 spindles. The damage amounts to a million of marks.

THIRTY-TWO Chinese were up before Captain Thomsett this morning on a charge of public gambling. About twelve different professions were represented, most of the defendants appearing to be of the well-to-do class. Mr. H. L. Dennis appeared in the case, which was remanded till the 18th instant, and asked that the defendants be allowed out on bail. His Worship at first named the sum of \$5 each, but the Inspector in charge of the case asked that a larger bail might be named, viz, \$200 for the first defendant and \$25 for each of the others, adding that they could afford to give bail to that amount. Mr. Dennis said there would probably be no difficulty in the matter of bail, excepting, perhaps, in the case of the domestic servants of the establishment who had been run in with the others. The bail named by the Inspector was accordingly fixed on by his Worship.

THE St. Petersburg correspondent of the London Times says: The ravages of diphtheria in Russia, which have so long defied the efforts of doctors and sanitary committees, have now been surpassed by the fatal effects of scarlatina. According to a statistical paper just published, the mortality in St. Petersburg from diphtheria and scarlatina has continually increased from 1878, until during the past year there were no less than 1,323 deaths from the latter and 1,146 deaths from the former, making the alarming yearly total of 2,469 deaths from these two diseases alone in a population of about 800,000. From other official statistics it appears that during five years there have been 156,027 fatal cases out of 460,018 persons attacked by these two diseases in the empire. The Golos remarks on the subject that no war has ever been so disastrous, and that, considering the large percentage of young people among the victims (95 per cent), it is really the future of the country that is in question. At the same time, the medical statistics do not extend, as a rule, beyond the large towns. In the whole of Russia there are not more than about fourteen thousand doctors, properly so called.

WE admire sweet things in advertising when they are novel and out of the beaten track. A man who can discover a cross cut and leave the dusty highway is entitled to make a little headway. An enterprising dealer in second-hand clothes prints the following on his hand-bills:—A shabby-genteel man once put in an appearance at a tradesman's ball. There was a mixed mob there, it is true, but the visitor's coat was so shabby that one of the committee whispered in his ear:—

"Haven't you got another coat at home?"

"Yes, I have another one."

"Why didn't you put it on?"

"Because it isn't near as good as this one."

Then comes the moral. He should have hired one of Snook's dress suits, lent for the evening from eighteenpence to five shillings, &c.

THE Swatow correspondent of the Amoy Gazette writes on the 9th inst.—Last Saturday Mr. H. A. Giles and family late Vice Consul at Pagoda Anchorage passed through this for Europe; also Mr. Mrs. Campbell and family, and Mr. Nelson of this port, and nearly 800 Chinese for Singapore per *Dioned*. The U.S.S. *Monocacy* arrived on the 7th and left to-day taking from here the boats of the late ill-fated sister ship lost at the Lamcocks lately. Quite a stir among the natives in Kachioh a few days ago. A certain linguist provided his little adopted nephew of 15 years with a small wife of 13. I think from what I saw of the very youthful couple they had better have been sent to school. Such marriages are very rare, as another like it has not been known. I knew of a fine girl of 12 summers marrying a man of 32 years near by and having a fine son, but the above beats all. The two don't weigh a picul.

ADVISED received yesterday evening per steamship *Fokien* from Kudat, North Borneo, report a serious *emute* in which lives were lost both on the side of the Sikh police and the natives. A murder, it appears, had been committed in the country at a little distance from Kudat, and in consequence the Resident despatched a force of 30 Sikhs to make the necessary arrests. The relatives of the murdered resisted, and three Bajows ran a muck right into the force, and succeeded in kressing two of the police before they were shot down. The remainder of the villagers then escaped. Upon hearing of the affair the Governor, Mr. Treacher, forthwith proceeded to the scene of the affray, but found the village deserted, and hung with white flags. He has since inflicted a fine of \$100 on the chief, who has paid it and given in his submission. The chief was unfortunately absent at the time of the riot. The three men shot down proved to be the murderers whose arrest was attempted.

THE late General Chanzy was once, applied to by a gentleman for assistance in discovering the whereabouts of his son, who had disappeared after the battle of Le Mans. Chanzy at once remembered that this young man and several others had been by his orders shot for running away at the moment of battle and calling out to their comrades: "Nous sommes trahis!" When this recollection flashed across the General he hesitated for a moment whether he should say he did not know what had been the fate of the young man, or tell the unhappy father the whole story. But the hesitation was only momentary, and he told him what had taken place. The father, though pale as death, preserved his sangfroid, and observed that whatever his paternal feelings might be, he could not but feel that General Chanzy had done his duty. General Chanzy often referred to this as being the most terrible ordeal through which he had ever passed, and said the figure of this unhappy father, sitting in judgment, as it were, upon his son, like another Brutus, had haunted him day and night for weeks afterward.

SAYS the Sydney Bulletin:—There is a Maori warrior in New Zealand who is called Te Kooti. There is also a prophet called Te Whiti. The former gentleman, a few years ago, butchered European men, women, and children, in a thoroughly wholesale and cold-blooded manner. He was defeated at last, but never caught and hanged as he should have been. The prophet, although a fanatic, is really a good fellow, and many years ago, when a mere youth, saved the lives of a shipwrecked party of colonists. When he went into the prophet line of life he took Jesus Christ for an example, and taught his people to live peaceably, and give up fighting and getting drunk. Mark the reward of these two men. Te Kooti is now a perpetual prisoner in goal. Te Whiti was waited on lately by the Native Minister, Mr. Bryce, who shook hands with him, said the past was to be forgiven him and they were to be good friends in future. If Te Whiti had been a murderer of his fellow colonists, he and the Native Minister would now in all probability be drinking whiskey together. Mr. Bryce has been burnt in effigy, at Waipawa. The effigy was placed on a white horse at the head of a long procession, the town band playing the dead march. On reaching the river bed, a figure was fixed to a stake in the centre of a pile of firewood. The effigy was then addressed as the first white man who had shaken hands with the arch-fiend Te Kooti for 14 years. The fire was lighted and the whole burst amid groans and displays of fireworks. The *N. Z. Times* is indignant at the pardon of Te Kooti. It compares the treatment of Te Kooti, "the bloodthirsty murderer," with that of Te Whiti, "the apostle of peace," and then, in order that its readers may thoroughly understand "what the illustrious criminal is, proceeds to quote at length from the official description of the 'Poverty Bay massacre.' That horrible episode, it argues, 'was done in secrecy and in silence, in the darkness of the night. It was no warlike proceeding. It was not an attack on armed men, or on a fortified place. It was a foul, fiendish, and cruel massacre of men, women, and children, even to babes at the breast, perpetrated by a band of savages led on by Mr. Bryce's friend, Te Kooti.' Some of the papers say that if ever Te Kooti ventures to show himself, he will pardon or no pardon, be shot like a dog."

WE are glad to hear that the *Fame*, with the steam dredger for the Macao Government in tow, arrived safely in Macao Harbour at four o'clock yesterday afternoon. The trial of the machine, which it is fondly hoped, will revolutionise the trade of the neighbouring port, was arranged to take place this forenoon, when we have no doubt the Dock Company's handiwork gave the Macao experts every satisfaction. This dredger, which has been entirely constructed by the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company at Sam-shui-po, is all right as far as it goes, but unfortunately it does not go nearly far enough to answer the purposes for which it was originally intended. In fact it is too small to be of much use. It will doubtless be worked for a few weeks until it gets out of order, and then the enterprising Chinese will have an opportunity of purchasing a few tons of old iron at a low rate.

UN AKUM, described as a mendicant, was up before Mr. Wodehouse this morning on a charge of stealing property valued at \$3. Lee Lam, a hawker, stated that yesterday at 4 p.m. he was watching a stall in Stanley Street for his friend, Chong Ayau, while that gentleman was engaged elsewhere. He happened to relax his vigilance over the stall, and Mr. Un Akum availed himself of the opportunity by taking possession of the things and carrying them away to West Street. He was annoyed to think his friend should suffer by his negligence and went in search of the property. He found the delinquent with the missing goods. Mr. Chong Ayau, the proprietor of the stall, appeared and claimed his property. He stated that he left it in charge of Lee, while he went to catch his *chow chow*. The sugar-cane on the stall was worth \$3. The mendicant said in penitence that he was very sorry that he had done wrong, and was relegated to Mr. Hayward's paternal care for a six months' spell of hard labor.

OUR evening contemporary is to be commended for its extraordinary enterprise. The community will no doubt be grateful to the *China Mail* for the gratifying information conveyed in a paragraph in last night's issue, relating to the appointment of a successor to the late Mr. Justice Snowden. Here is what the inspired organ says:—"The immediate result of Mr. Snowden's death is the confirmation by Her Majesty's Government of Mr. Russell as Puisne Judge. The promptitude of the confirmation looks as though the authorities at home are tired of Acting Heads of Departments." This is the first item of news we have seen in the *China Mail* for many months, and on that account, if for no other reason, it will perhaps be injudicious to accept it as gospel without a certain amount of reserve. We know from the last issue of the *Government Gazette* that Governor Bowen had appointed Mr. Russell as acting puisne judge until Her Majesty's pleasure became known, and we expressed our intense satisfaction at the appointment; but we certainly never had the remotest idea that Lord Derby would specially telegraph to the local Government, or to the *China Mail*, making Sir George Bowen's provisional arrangement a temporary one. This is a most unusual proceeding, and unless our evening contemporary has been bungling and blundering as customary, Mr. James Russell has every reason to feel proud of the very high compliment paid by the Secretary of State in appointing him to the important position of puisne judge by a special telegram.

THE *Semaphore*, of Marseilles, has received a letter of a sensational character from St. Denis (Réunion) relative to Madagascar. After accusing the English of having brought about the present situation, the correspondent continues:—"The fine season from May to October ought to be made use of for a march upon the capital, Tananariva, to dislodge the Hovas. The batteries of Tananariva ought to be bombarded and taken possession of to teach the Hovas and those journals of London who help them the respect of treaties. A good place for colonization would be found in the environs of the Bay of Toles, on the western coast. This bay, sheltered by a chain of rocks, offers in every month of the year a good and sure anchorage for even the largest vessels. Every security for commerce seems to exist upon this spot. It is the public granary for the Isle of Bourbon, and the locality which rears and exports the finest cattle, also a great quantity of other useful products, amongst others cutchbar and dried vegetables; it is, moreover, a most healthy place. The Sakalava Lameriza, king of this fertile country, seems to be animated with the best intentions towards France, of which Power he may perhaps be inclined to accept the protectorate. The Hovas have only three posts on the western coast, namely, Marouassag, south of the Bay of Pambandara; Majouine, near the Bay of Bambatoek; Morondro, in the province of Menabé. With the exception of these three posts all the western parts of Madagascar are free from the domination of the Hovas. Among the Sakalavas some of the chiefs are our friends; for instance, Tsilmiare, King of Rosimilou; Moussa, King of Ankidy and Sambirano; Benaou, Queen of Bararoubé, in the north-west, facing our colony of Nosy-Bé; Lameriza, King of Toles and of the Bay of Saint-Augustin. Besides these three, there are some eight or ten petty kings on the western coast, independent of the Hovas, but whose friendship cannot be relied upon. They exercise their power over handbills and robbers, who, by their exactions and constant demand of presents, press very hard upon every European courageous enough to try to do business in these parts. Thus, on the 10th September, 1882, the Baras, a tribe in the interior, killed in an ambuscade Mr. Theodore Parent, a Frenchman, and Mr. Emerson, an American, who had ventured into the south of Madagascar in the search of auriferous deposits. The factious power of the Hovas would soon come to an end if France, by taking possession of a part of Madagascar, and by calling under its colors so many intelligent human creatures who are borne down by the most odious of yokes, would help them to enjoy the benefits of emancipation from the worst kind of slavery."

WE read that the Government of Japan has requested the Dutch Government to send to Japan a skilful engineer officer, who will superintend the construction of fortresses along the sea coast.

WE note that at the quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge of English Freemasons, Lord Lathom proposed, on behalf of the Prince of Wales, that 100 guineas be paid out of the Fund of the General Purposes towards the alleviation of the distress caused among the brethren under the District Grand Lodge of Jamaica by the late calamitous fire in Kingston in that island. The motion was seconded by Mr. Montagu Guest, M.P., and carried unanimously.

THE waning of the honeymoon.—Alfred, who came home very late last night from a bachelors' dinner and has been "catching it" this morning—"I had a most horrible dream last night," Arabella (sarcastically)—"Did you, indeed? How surprising!" Alfred—"Did I wake up with a scream or anything of that sort?" Arabella—"No; perhaps you had eaten so much you couldn't. What was your nightmare?" Alfred—"I dreamed I was a bachelor again."

A MAN who has attended his own execution, and survives to relate the details, is worthy of a short paragraph. According to the London *Echo*, his name is Colonel Marterias, and in 1869 he was on the point of being proclaimed President of Uruguay, when he was arrested and condemned to death. On Monday, June 30th, of that year, he was taken by a platoon of soldiers out of the city to a meadow in the heart of a forest, and bound to a chair. At the word "fire!" a "spasmodic shock" threw him to the ground. He did not hear the volley. The soldiers marched away without giving him the customary *coup de grace*, and Marterias, by the kindly aid of a neighboring laborer, got away, was healed of his wounds, and to-day serves society more humbly, but yet more safely, as a waiter in a Paris cafe.

MANY curious verdicts have been placed on record to serve as beacon lights for coroners' juries yet unborn. There is the famous verdict of "saved him right," and the more modern finding of a Welsh jury, who expressed the opinion that the "deceased died from the effects of drink, but that his death was really caused by eating too many eggs." It was, we believe, a panel of Irishmen who came to the conclusion that the "man was found drowned, but that his death was accelerated by excessive alcohol." Our local *case* *allure*, in which after one of the longest drawn-out sittings recorded in the history of the colony, the coroner directed the jury to return a verdict that the deceased died from "cessation of the action of the heart" is fairly entitled to a high place amongst the curiosities of coroners' inquiries. These, however, must sink into insignificance when compared with the result of a coroner's inquest recently held in Chicago. A man named Augustus Gendary one evening shot and killed a man who attempted to rob him. A jury duly sat on the dead body of the man, and returned a verdict acquitting the player, and returning him a hearty vote of thanks for his pains! That is the sort of jury we ought to have had in our little skirmish with the valiant Bandmann.

AMOY.

The following minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Lot holders on the British Concession, Amoy, are published for general information.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Lot holders on the British Concession held at the office of Messrs. Boyd & Co. on Saturday, the 31st March, 1883.

There were present R. J. Forrest, Esq., H. B. M.'s Consul, in the chair; Messrs. H. D. Brown, R. H. Bruce, L. P. Michelsen, G. C. de St. Croix, W. Wilson, N. Moalle and E. N. Rose.

The notice calling the meeting having been read, the accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1882, were laid on the table showing a credit balance of \$688. It was explained by Mr. Rose that the late Honorary Treasurer, Mr. J. Gratton Cass, had overlooked the reduction on the rates agreed to at the last General Meeting and that taxes had been collected as in the previous year.

It was proposed by Mr. Forrest seconded by Mr. Brown and carried unanimously—

That the accounts as presented be passed.

A considerable discussion then ensued as to the state of the drains in the settlement, and as to the Band wall, and it was proposed by Mr. Forrest, seconded by Mr. Bruce and carried—

That the Council cause a plan of the Concession to be made, clearly showing where the drains do or should exist; and that H. B. M.'s Consul be requested during the next cold weather to take measures with the Chinese Authorities or otherwise to have them effectively restored.

Mr. Rose proposed that the following gentlemen be elected as Councillors for the present year:—Messrs. R. H. Bruce, L. P. Michelsen, E. N. Rose, R. H. Bruce, and F. J. Chanley; this was seconded by Mr. Brown and carried unanimously.

The taxes for the current year were fixed as follows, viz:—

1. 1 Per cent on assessed value of Property.

There being no other business to transact the meeting then separated.—*Gazette*.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

The steamer *London Castle*, left Singapore for this port on the 9th instant, and is due here on or about the 15th.

The N. L. steamer *Camelia*, left Batavia for this port via Saigon on the 28th instant, and may be expected here on or about the 16th.

The O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Laurin*, from Liverpool, left Singapore on the afternoon of the 11th instant, and may be looked for here on or about the 17th.

The steamer *Nelson*, left Sydney on the 3rd instant for Hongkong, via Queensland Ports and Amoy, and may be expected to arrive here on or about the 1st proximo.

What sort of a man is he? A friend asked Theodore Hook. "Short," replied Hook, and bald. He used to cut his hair, but now his hair has cut him.

Voltaire had his cynical dab at doctors when he spoke of a physician as "a man who keeps a shop of which he knows little, and the tools of which he knows less."

